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EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCY STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1981  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN MARCH 1981.

THESE WERE DERIVED FROM EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1981 AND DECEMBER 1980 ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

| SECTOR OF<br>THE ECONOMY  | EMPLOYMENT IN |          |         | PERCENTAGE CHANGE   |                     |
|---|---------------|----------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | MAR 80        | DEC 80   | MAR 81  | MAR 81 ON<br>MAR 80 | MAR 81 ON<br>DEC 80 |
| MANUFACTURING   | 883 800       | 907 500  | 889 100 | +0.6                | -2.0                |
| BUILDING AND<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>(MANUAL WORKERS<br>ON SITES ONLY)               | 81 600        | 87 300   | 87 400  | +7.2                | +0.2                |
| WHOLESALE AND<br>RETAIL, IMPORT<br>AND EXPORT, AND<br>RESTAURANTS AND<br>HOTELS | 424 300       | 455 100  | 458 700 | +8.1                | +0.8                |
| FINANCE,<br>INSURANCE, REAL<br>ESTATE AND<br>BUSINESS<br>SERVICES               | 116 000+      | 131 600* | 134 000 | +15.6               | +1.9                |

NOTE : + REFERRING TO FEBRUARY 1980

\* REVISED FIGURE DUE TO REPORTING ERRORS

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1981 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME TIME IN 1980, THERE WERE INCREASES IN EACH OF THE FOUR SECTORS LISTED ABOVE. THE RAPID GROWTH RATE IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR CONTINUED- EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR IN MARCH 1981, AT 134 000, WAS 15.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THAT IN FEBRUARY 1980.

THE GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ALSO CONTINUED, WITH EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1981, AT 458 700 AND 87 400 RESPECTIVELY, BEING 8.1 PER CENT AND 7.2 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1980. THE GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR APPEARED TO HAVE SLOWED DOWN. AT 889 100, EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR IN MARCH 1981 WAS 0.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MARCH 1980.

COMPARING MARCH 1981 WITH DECEMBER 1980, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY TWO PER CENT. BUT EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCIAL, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AND AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 1.9 PER CENT, 0.8 PER CENT AND 0.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOGETHER WITH EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ALSO PUBLISHED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR= THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR= AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR IN MARCH 1981.

THESE WERE COMPILED FROM THE NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES REPORTED BY ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS IN THESE SECTORS.

THE OVERALL FIGURES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR MARCH 1980 AND DECEMBER 1980, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

| SECTOR OF<br>THE ECONOMY  | NUMBER OF REPORTED<br>VACANCIES IN |        |        | PERCENTAGE CHANGE   |                     |
|---|------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | MAR 80                             | DEC 80 | MAR 81 | MAR 81 ON<br>MAR 80 | MAR 81 ON<br>DEC 80 |
| MANUFACTURING   | 61 700                             | 42 000 | 55 200 | -10.5               | +31.3               |
| WHOLESALE AND<br>RETAIL, IMPORT<br>AND EXPORT, AND<br>RESTAURANTS AND<br>HOTELS | 6 500                              | 5 800  | 6 400  | - 1.5               | + 9.3               |
| FINANCE,<br>INSURANCE, REAL<br>ESTATE AND<br>BUSINESS<br>SERVICES               | 2 100+                             | 2 900  | 2 500  | +16.5               | -15.8               |

NOTE : + REFERRING TO FEBRUARY 1980

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1981 WITH THOSE FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME IN 1980, THERE WAS A DECLINE OF 10.5 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. NEVERTHELESS, THE CHANGE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES (THE SUM OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES) IN THIS SECTOR DURING THE SAME PERIOD WAS NEGLIGIBLE. FOR THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN MARCH 1981 INCREASED BY 16.5 PER CENT RELATIVE TO THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR REGISTERED A MINOR DECREASE OF 1.5 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES.

COMPARING MARCH 1981 WITH DECEMBER 1980, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 31.3 PER CENT AND THAT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED BY 9.3 PER CENT. BUT THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE FINANCIAL, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR DECREASED BY 15.8 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLE ATTACHED. FURTHER DETAILS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

| INDUSTRY GROUP   | EMPLOYMENT IN |         |         | PERCENTAGE CHANGE   |                     |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | MAR 80        | DEC 80  | MAR 81  | MAR 81 ON<br>MAR 80 | MAR 81 ON<br>DEC 80 |
| WEARING APPAREL<br>(EXCLUDING<br>KNITWEAR FROM<br>YARN)  | 252 500       | 263 700 | 257 000 | +1.8                | -2.5                |
| TEXTILES<br>(INCLUDING<br>KNITWEAR FROM<br>YARN)   | 131 100       | 127 600 | 125 500 | -4.3                | -1.6                |
| ELECTRICAL<br>MACHINERY,<br>APPLIANCES AND<br>SUPPLIES,<br>INCLUDING<br>ELECTRONIC<br>PRODUCTS | 120 400       | 122 100 | 117 300 | -2.6                | -4.0                |
| PLASTIC PRODUCTS   | 88 500        | 86 100  | 84 400  | -4.6                | -1.9                |
| FABRICATED METAL<br>PRODUCTS   | 85 600        | 84 200  | 82 100  | -4.1                | -2.5                |

/II. BUILDING AND .....

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II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR  
(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

| <u>CONTRACTING PARTY</u>                 | EMPLOYMENT IN |               |               | PERCENTAGE CHANGE           |                             |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | <u>MAR 80</u> | <u>DEC 80</u> | <u>MAR 81</u> | <u>MAR 81 ON<br/>MAR 80</u> | <u>MAR 81 ON<br/>DEC 80</u> |
| PUBLIC WORKS<br>DEPARTMENT               | 14 969        | 16 452        | 16 842        | +12.5                       | +2.4                        |
| HOUSING DEPARTMENT                       | 16 015        | 15 995        | 18 342        | +14.5                       | +14.7                       |
| MASS TRANSIT<br>RAILWAY<br>CORPORATION * | 4 897         | 3 844         | 2 762         | -43.6                       | -28.1                       |
| PRIVATE SECTOR                           | 45 674        | 50 983        | 49 485        | + 8.3                       | - 2.9                       |

\* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO M.T.R. CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING MARCH 1981.

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT,  
AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

| <u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>          | EMPLOYMENT IN |               |               | PERCENTAGE CHANGE           |                             |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                | <u>MAR 80</u> | <u>DEC 80</u> | <u>MAR 81</u> | <u>MAR 81 ON<br/>MAR 80</u> | <u>MAR 81 ON<br/>DEC 80</u> |
| WHOLESALE TRADE                | 45 800        | 50 700        | 51 500        | +12.2                       | +1.5                        |
| RETAIL TRADE                   | 141 200       | 152 800       | 152 200       | + 7.7                       | -0.5                        |
| IMPORT/EXPORT<br>BUSINESS      | 109 500       | 113 800       | 116 200       | + 6.1                       | +2.1                        |
| RESTAURANTS, CAFES<br>AND BARS | 109 100       | 118 200       | 120 000       | +10.1                       | +1.5                        |
| HOTELS AND<br>BOARDING HOUSES  | 18 600        | 19 600        | 18 900        | + 1.8                       | -3.4                        |

/IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE .....

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND  
BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

| INDUSTRY GROUP  | EMPLOYMENT IN |         |        | PERCENTAGE CHANGE   |                     |
|---|---------------|---------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | FEB 80        | DEC 80  | MAR 81 | MAR 81 ON<br>FEB 80 | MAR 81 ON<br>DEC 80 |
| MONETARY<br>INSTITUTIONS<br>INCLUDING BANKS             | 39 000        | 44 800* | 44 200 | +13.4               | -1.4                |
| REAL ESTATE<br>COMPANIES                                | 17 100        | 19 300  | 20 400 | +19.2               | +5.8                |
| OTHER FINANCIAL<br>INSTITUTIONS                         | 17 100        | 20 000  | 21 600 | +26.7               | +8.3                |
| ACCOUNTING AND<br>AUDITING FIRMS                        | 4 700         | 5 100   | 5 400  | +13.8               | +4.5                |
| ENGINEERING,<br>ARCHITECTURAL AND<br>TECHNICAL SERVICES | 7 800         | 8 300   | 8 500  | + 9.5               | +2.5                |

\* REVISED FIGURE DUE TO REPORTING ERRORS

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PUPILS ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED FORM FOUR PLACES URGED TO REGISTER  
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ALL PUPILS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED FORM FOUR PLACES IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT ARE URGED TO REGISTER WITH THEIR DESIGNATED SCHOOLS ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 4).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT FAILURE TO REGISTER WOULD MEAN ABANDONING THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER OF A SUBSIDISED PLACE WHICH IS IRREVOCABLE.

BETWEEN AUGUST 5 AND 10, SCHOOLS WILL BE REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE NUMBER OF VACANT FORM FOUR PLACES AND WITH THE AVAILABLE STATISTICS, THE JSEA SECTION WILL CARRY OUT ANOTHER EXERCISE TO DETERMINE WHETHER REQUESTS FROM THE 1 800 STUDENTS THEY INTERVIEWED IN THE PAST TWO DAYS COULD BE ENTERTAINED.

+OFFICERS FROM THE JSEA SECTION WILL INFORM THOSE SUCCESSFUL PUPILS BY PHONE ON AUGUST 10 AND 11,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A TOTAL OF 52 521 PUPILS WERE ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED FORM FOUR PLACES IN THE FIRST JSEA. OF THIS NUMBER, 80 PER CENT OR ABOUT 42 000 PUPILS WHO OPT FOR THEIR OWN SCHOOL AS THEIR FIRST CHOICE WERE SUCCESSFUL.

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IMPROVED CAREER PROSPECTS IN CUSTOMS AND EXCISE  
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THE RECENT REORGANISATION AND MODERNISATION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAS GREATLY ENHANCED THE CAREER PROSPECTS OF THE MORE JUNIOR RANKS, SAID ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER MR WALTER NEIL TODAY (JULY 31).

PRESENTING LETTERS OF PROMOTION TO 40 CHIEF CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD IN THE SERVICE'S RUMSEY STREET OFFICES, MR NEIL SAID : +WE HAVE HAD AN ELEVEN-FOLD INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHIEF CUSTOMS OFFICER POSTS, BUT MOST OF THE EXTRA 40 POSTS HAVE BEEN CREATED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE TAXPAYER. THIS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE RE-APPRAISED THE ROLE OF THE CHIEF CUSTOMS OFFICER AND RE-ALLOCATED DUTIES FORMERLY UNDERTAKEN BY INSPECTORS+.

+THE GENERAL STANDARD AND ABILITY OF JUNIOR GRADES HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT YEARS, AND WE FEEL THEY ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING MORE MEANINGFUL DUTIES AND DESERVING OF BETTER PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES+.

SEVERAL OF THE NEW CHIEF CUSTOMS OFFICERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE AMONG THE LOWER RANKS, WHILE OTHERS WILL MAN OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRES OR SUPERVISE THE CONTROL OF DUTIABLE COMMODITIES IN LICENSED AND BONDED WAREHOUSES.

+WHILE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY MUST REMAIN OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, WE ARE ALSO VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE NEED TO PROVIDE A WORTHWHILE CAREER FOR THOSE WHO JOIN OUR SERVICE. I BELIEVE WE ARE NOW MEETING BOTH REQUIREMENTS+, CONCLUDED MR NEIL.

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CONTRACTS FOR OVERSEAS DOMESTIC WORKERS  
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WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS FROM OVERSEAS WILL BE ATTESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ONLY IF THE WAGES TO BE PAID ARE NOT BELOW THE MARKET RATE OF \$1 200 TO \$1 350 A MONTH, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STATED TODAY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS DUE TO A GENERAL INCREASE IN THE WAGES OF LOCAL DOMESTIC HELPERS AND THE FACT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION WILL NOT APPROVE THE ENTRY OF DOMESTIC HELPERS FROM OVERSEAS UNLESS THEY ARE PAID THE CURRENT MARKET RATE.

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US CITIZENS MAY NOW VOTE IN HONG KONG  
DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS  
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AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WISH TO VOTE FOR OR SERVE ON A HONG KONG DISTRICT BOARD MAY NOW DO SO WITHOUT JEOPARDISING THEIR UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP, IF THERE ARE NO OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE US CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG.

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE FORMER PROHIBITIONS AGAINST AMERICANS VOTING IN A FOREIGN ELECTION HAVE BEEN RESCINDED.

HE OR SHE MAY ALSO SERVE IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTAL POST, AS LONG AS THE POSITION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE THE NATIONALITY OF THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND THE POSITION IS NOT AN IMPORTANT, OR POLICY-MAKING ONE, AMERICAN CONSUL VIRGINIA CARSON WROTE IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE INQUIRY HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL AS A RESULT OF CONCERN EXPRESSED BY AN AMERICAN RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AS TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN VOTING IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY EMPHASISED THAT ANYONE WHO FULFILLS THE RESIDENCE AND OTHER MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT A COPY OF THE WHITE PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG, SETTING OUT ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION, TOGETHER WITH A SUMMARY BOOKLET ENTITLED 'A GUIDE TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION', MAY BE OBTAINED FREE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICE OR THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

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KOWLOON BAY DEVELOPMENT WORK  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO BUILD A ROAD, FOOTPATHS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN KOWLOON BAY.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORK IS PART OF A ROAD AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KOWLOON BAY AREA.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 650 METRES OF ROAD WITH A 10.3 METRE WIDE CARRIAGEWAY AND 2.75 METRE FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES. ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE LAYING OF 500 METRES OF SEWER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SCHEME, INCLUDING TWO LAY-BYS FOR TAXIS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, WOULD MAINLY SERVE PHASES II AND III OF THE KAI TAK PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR.

CONSTRUCTION IS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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JOINT EFFORT REQUIRED TO BEAT CRIME  
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JOINT EFFORT AMONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL ORGANISATION AND YOUTH CENTRES WILL HELP FIGHT CRIME INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE, TWO MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN TOLD.

THEY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHARLES YEUNG, AND MR ALASDAIR SINCLAIR, WHO REPRESENTED THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, AND ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ALSO BY LOCAL LEADERS.

A REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH CRIME WAS DISCUSSED.

THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED MORE PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS BE SET UP TO PROVIDE PROPER CAREER TRAINING FOR FORM 3 DROPOUTS TO PREVENT THEM FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN CRIME.

APART FROM THIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHARED THE VIEW THAT YOUTH CENTRES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND PARENTS SHOULD ALL DO THEIR PART TO HELP FIGHT YOUTH CRIME.

THIS COULD BE DONE BY ORGANISING MORE YOUTH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES AND SO ON.

THE MEETING NOTED THAT FAMILY LIFE ALSO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PREVENTING YOUTH CRIME AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE PARENTAL CARE.

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KCR SEEKS TENDERS FOR FENCE WORK  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS INVITING PEOPLE TO TENDER FOR THE JOB OF FENCING OFF THE SECTION SOUTH OF BEACON HILL TUNNEL AND KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM.

WORK ON THE TWO METRE-HIGH STRUCTURES, WHICH CAN BE EITHER A CHAIN-LINK OR STEEL BAR FENCE, SHOULD START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS. THE CONTRACT WILL FORM A COMPLETE FENCING OFF OF THE KCR LINE FROM KOWLOON TO LO WU, A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID.

SEVERAL BRIDGES AND SUBWAYS ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND THESE WILL BE COMPLETED ONCE THE FENCING HAS BEEN RAISED.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE KCR WILL SUPERVISE THE WORK.

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SITE FORMATION WORK FOR PUBLIC HOUSING  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE FORMATION OF A DEVELOPMENT SITE OF ABOUT 15 HECTARES, IN THE NORTH WEST OF YUEN LONG TOWN FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND ASSOCIATED CIVIC AMENITIES.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY NEW APPROACH ROADS TO THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES DRAINING AND CLEARING OF SOFT MUD FROM EXISTING FISH PONDS AND FILLING WITH MATERIAL FROM AN EXISTING BORROW AREA NEAR TAI TONG.

BECAUSE OF THE TEMPORARY INCREASE IN TRAFFIC ON TAI TONG ROAD -- WHICH WILL BE THE HAUL ROUTE FOR THE FILL MATERIAL -- A SHORT SECTION OF THE ROAD AT TAI KEI LENG WILL BE WIDENED. IN ADDITION, A CYCLE TRACK WILL BE PROVIDED ON ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND WIDER FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES.

WORK IS TO START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONTRACT IS ONE OF THE PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG TOWN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, PWD.

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KWUN TONG GROUP GOING ON STUDY TOUR  
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SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE FIRST TO BE SET UP UNDER THE NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, WILL LEAVE FOR AN EIGHT-DAY STUDY TOUR OF SINGAPORE AND KUALA LUMPUR TOMORROW (AUGUST 1).

MR DAVID TSUI KWAN PING, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, KWUN TONG AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TODAY THAT THE PURPOSE WAS TO VISIT THESE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO HONG KONG, IN MANY RESPECTS, TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM THEM AND TO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE NEWLY-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS TO SEE HOW OTHER GOVERNMENTS WORK.

+WE SHALL BE VISITING SOME GOVERNMENT HOUSING DEPARTMENTS, CONSULTATIVE MACHINERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST AND BENEFIT TO US,+ MR TSUI SAID.

THE STUDY GROUP, COMPRISING FOUR OFFICIAL MEMBERS AND 12 APPOINTED MEMBERS WILL LEAVE KAI TAK AIRPORT AT 3.30 PM ON SATURDAY AND WILL STAY IN SINGAPORE FOR FIVE DAYS AND KUALA LUMPUR FOR THREE DAYS BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 8.

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SEVEN NT SITES FOR AUCTION  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO HOLD AN AUCTION OF SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES SITES, IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON AUGUST 18, STARTING AT 11 AM.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN SHA TIN AND ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. ONE, MEASURING 22 570 SQUARE METRES, HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$12.9 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS- THE BUILDING COVENANT ON THE OTHER, MEASURING 1 330 SQUARE METRES, IS \$1.12 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS. BOTH SITES HAVE A PLOT RATIO OF 0.4.

ALSO BEING OFFERED IS A NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE IN TAI PO MEASURING 5 204 SQUARE METRES. THE PLOT RATIOS ARE 4.74 FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND 0.49 FOR NON-PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE BUILDING COVENANT, TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS, \$32 MILLION.

THE REMAINING FOUR SITES ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

TWO ARE IN YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA AND MEASURE 2 565 SQUARE METRES AND 1 159 SQUARE METRES. THE LARGER SITE HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$15.39 MILLION AND THE SMALLER A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$6.95, BOTH TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THE PLOT RATIO ON BOTH SITES IS 5.

THE OTHER SITES ARE IN TUEN MUN AND MEASURE 2 851 SQUARE METRES AND 2 018 SQUARE METRES. THE BUILDING COVENANTS ARE \$23.14 MILLION AND \$15.96 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THE MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO IS 9.5 IN RESPECT OF BOTH SITES.

DETAILS OF THE SITES ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS OR FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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STAFF QUARTERS TO BE BUILT  
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAFF QUARTERS AT THE ELLIOT PUMPING STATION IN POKFULAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY BUILDING PROVIDING SEVEN QUARTERS FOR PUMPING STATION STAFF.

THE EXISTING QUARTERS WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW ELLIOT PUMPING STATION.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SEMINAR FOR INDUSTRIALISTS

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HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE ADVICE ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS FROM EXPERTS AT A SEMINAR, TO BE HELD IN CANTONESE, AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 5).

THE SUBJECTS WILL RANGE FROM PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION, JOINT VENTURES, AND HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A SITE OR PRE-BUILT FACTORY ON THE TAI PO OR YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, TO NEW TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES.

SPEAKERS FROM THE THREE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED THE SEMINAR ARE MR PAUL WONG, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY= MR P.K.WONG, COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR, HK INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION= AND MR S.K. CHAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HK PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

THE 2-1/2-HOUR PROGRAMME STARTS AT 2.30 PM, AS THERE WERE STILL SOME VACANCIES, AN INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +ANY INDUSTRIALIST WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND IS INVITED TO TELEPHONE 3-7222426+.

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INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF LAND, TOTALLING ABOUT 6 156 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 28 AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

ALL THE LOTS ARE IN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, AND ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE LARGEST SITE HAS AN AREA OF 1 696 SQUARE METRES. THE OTHER SITES MEASURES 1 695, 1 320 AND 1 445 SQUARE METRES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG, AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

SALE PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR TOLO HARBOUR SWIM ENTRIES  
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THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR THE CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM HAS BEEN EXTENDED ONE WEEK.

THE CLOSING DATE WAS TO HAVE BEEN TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BUT THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO TAKE PART IN THE RACE, TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 16, HAS NOT BEEN AS GOOD AS EXPECTED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS, TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, SAID 150 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR WHEREAS IT WAS CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED THAT 600 MEN AND WOMEN WOULD TAKE PART THIS YEAR.

+WE HOPE THAT BY EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO AUGUST 8 WE WILL GET A MUCH LARGER NUMBER OF ENTRANTS,+ HE SAID.

THE RACE IS OVER A 2 400 METRE COURSE FROM SHA LAN BEACH TO TAI MEI TUK SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRE. IT STARTS AT 10.30 AM. FUNDS ARE BEING PROVIDED BY TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

ANYONE AGED OVER 12 CAN ENTER. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICE IN TAI PO OR TO TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE.

LAST YEAR, THE EVENT ATTRACTED JUST UNDER 400 ENTRANTS.

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ANOTHER JAPANESE COMPANY INVESTS IN HONG KONG  
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A JOINT VENTURE HAS BEEN FORMED BETWEEN HONG KONG INTERESTS AND DAIDO CONCRETE COMPANY LTD., A JAPANESE COMPANY SPECIALISING IN THE MANUFACTURE OF CONCRETE PILES AND PIPES.

THE NEW COMPANY - DAIDO CONCRETE (HK) LTD - WILL BE TAKING UP A SITE AND BUILDING A FACTORY FOR ITS SPECIALISED MASS PRODUCTION PROCESS AT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

THE JOINT VENTURE FOLLOWS A TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT PROMOTION MISSION WHICH WENT TO JAPAN IN FEBRUARY TO SEEK OUT JAPANESE COMPANIES INTERESTED IN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES IN HONG KONG.

+OUR MISSION DISCUSSED WITH DAIDO CONCRETE'S SENIOR EXECUTIVES THE ADVANTAGES AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT HONG KONG COULD OFFER AS A BASE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS,+ SAID ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER KIANG.

JAPAN IS THE SECOND LARGEST OVERSEAS INVESTOR IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, AND HAS INVESTMENT AMOUNTING TO OVER HK\$900 MILLION, COVERING ALL HONG KONG'S MAJOR INDUSTRIES.

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LIFEGUARD SERVICES PROVIDED AT TUNG WAN BEACH

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A FULL LIFE-GUARD AND FIRST-AID SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE POPULAR TUNG WAN BEACH ON MA WAN ISLAND BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE BEAUTIFUL, POLLUTION-FREE BEACH WILL BECOME THE 29TH GAZETTED PUBLIC BATHING BEACH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

DURING THE SWIMMING SEASON, LIFE-GUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM EVERY DAY. TEMPORARY CHANGING AND TOILET FACILITIES ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

OTHER GAZETTED BEACHES ARE THE APPROACH, ANGLERS, THE OLD AND NEW CAFETERIA, CASAM, CASTLE PEAK, DRAGON, GEMINI, HOI MEI, KADOORIE, LIDO AND TING KAU ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES- THE CAMPERS, THE FIRST AND SECOND CLEAR WATER BAY, HAP MUN BAY, KUI TSUI, PAK SHA CHAU AND SILVERSTRAND AT SAI KUNG- THE UPPER AND LOWER CHEUNG SHA, PUI O AND SILVERMINE BAY AT LANTAU ISLAND- AND TUNG WAN AND KWUN YAN WAN AT CHEUNG CHAU, AND THE HUNG SHING YEH WAN AND LO SO SHING (WEST) BEACH AT LAMMA ISLAND.

ALTHOUGH THE POPULAR BUTTERFLY BEACH AT TUEN MUN IS NOT A GAZETTED BEACH, LIFE-GUARDS ARE PLACED ON DUTY THERE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BATHERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LAST YEAR 8 000 000 PEOPLE WERE ESTIMATED TO HAVE ATTENDED THE 29 GAZETTED AND SERVICE BEACHES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NTSD.

BEACHGOERS WERE ADVISED TO SWIM IN A SAFE AREA, PARTICULARLY WHEN ON THE NON-GAZETTED BEACHES WHICH ARE NOT CLEARLY MARKED WITH BUOY LINES AND DO NOT HAVE LIFE-GUARDS NEARBY.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN AUGUST  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 20 DAYS FROM TOMORROW (AUGUST 1).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIMES, WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>DAY</u>          | <u>TIME</u>    |
|---------------------|----------------|
| AUGUST 1 (SATURDAY) | 7 AM - 6.30 PM |
| 5 (WEDNESDAY)       | 9 AM - 4 PM    |
| 6 (THURSDAY)        | 9 AM - 4 PM    |
| 7 (FRIDAY)          | 8 AM - 4 PM    |
| 10 (MONDAY)         | 8 AM - 11 PM   |
| 11 (TUESDAY)        | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 12 (WEDNESDAY)      | 8 AM - 5 PM    |
| 13 (THURSDAY)       | 8 AM - 11 PM   |
| 14 (FRIDAY)         | 8 AM - 5 PM    |
| 15 (SATURDAY)       | 8 AM - 5 PM    |
| 17 (MONDAY)         | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 18 (TUESDAY)        | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 19 (WEDNESDAY)      | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 20 (THURSDAY)       | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 21 (FRIDAY)         | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 22 (SATURDAY)       | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 24 (MONDAY)         | 8 AM - 6 PM    |
| 25 (TUESDAY)        | 8 AM - 5 PM    |
| 26 (WEDNESDAY)      | 8 AM - 5 PM    |
| 28 (FRIDAY)         | 8 AM - 4 PM    |

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CLEAN UP DRIVE IN SAI KUNG  
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IN READINESS FOR THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER, SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD HAS FORMED A WORKING GROUP TO ARRANGE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO GET THE 'MESSAGE' ACROSS LOCALLY.

THE 25-MEMBER WORKING GROUP IS CHAIRED BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR WILLIAM WAN.

FUNDS FOR THE ACTIVITIES, AMOUNTING TO \$43 000, WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE FIRST EVENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN 40 MEMBERS OF SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND A SING AND PLAY GROUP WILL STAGE A MUSICAL DRAMA EMPHASISING CLEANLINESS AT CLEAR WATER BAY.

THEY WILL ALSO GIVE OUT RUBBISH BAGS TO SWIMMERS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO KEEP THE BEACH CLEAN.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MAX TODD.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE CLEAN HOUSE AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS, AND HAWKER AREA, MARINE AND VILLAGE CLEANSING DAYS.

A TOTAL OF 20 000 PAIRS OF CHOPSTICKS, ENGRAVED WITH A KEEP-CLEAN PUBLICITY SLOGAN, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOLS.

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